7/15/71

Dear Hal,

Hurried response your 7/12 (expecting Bud and others). Thanks for Marcus. Forwarded today to pub, but proper procedure would be for Marcus to order from Dutton.

Prouty: glad to get this (different) clip. I've met him twice. Impressive. He has joined Bud's committee. Did great CIA expose for Washington Monthly. He is, indded, a (successful) banker, is doing a book.

Potter: unknown to me and frankly, I havedoubts. All could have come from a casual reading of newspapers alone. If the original source was a reporter, I can guess your source.

Rundown on Miller after asking you indicates dubious as source. However, this is my own analysis and fear.

I can't understand this great change in the (once?) great Eason. Or Spann, to whose producer I did speak right after publication. Lee Rashall was then out sick, had been for long time.

Aynesworth-Kirkwood comparison seems apt. I've not read K's book.

Glad to get reassuring estimate Gary.

Most credible part of Potter story to me is SVN involvement. Discount Mafia entirely. This one.

Many thanks, best to friends,